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In re Application of:)
ANDREW M. HAWRYLUK et al.)
Serial No.: 09/536,927)
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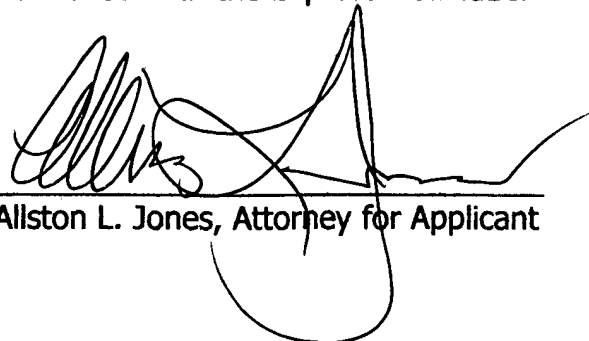
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

For: METHODS FOR ANNEALING A SUBSTRATE AND ARTICLE PRODUCED BY SUCH
METHODS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Allston L. Jones, Attorney for Applicant

Dear Sir:

This Response is being submitted to the Examiner's Action dated July 26, 2001,

due without a time extension thereto within one month ending Sunday August 26, 2001 with the Rules of the Patent Office therefore extending the day for response to and including the next business day Monday, August 27, 2001 to make the election.

The Examiner indicated in the Restriction Requirement the finding that the Application includes two inventions, namely:

- Group I: Claims 1-25 and 27-74 drawn to a process of making; and
- Group II: Claim 26 drawn to a product.

Accordingly the Examiner is requiring Applicants to elect one of those groups of claims to proceed with in this application.

The Applicants believe that even with an election of either species the Examiner's search will require a search in the same art that includes both hollow and solid light tunnels and accordingly traverses the Restriction Requirement and requests that the all claims and both species be examined as a whole. By so doing, the Examiner's time for the search will not be increased and from an economy of time, both the Examiner and the Applicants would be better served by the withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement. Thus, a withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

The Applicant elects to proceed with the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1-25 and 27-74.

Further, the Applicants reserve the right to represent the non-elected claim, and other product claims in a later filed application.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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